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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO USSR BY ROK RED CROSS PRESIDENT

1. KOREAN NATIONAL RED CROSS (KNRC) VICE PRESIDENT

YI BUM- SUK TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT ROKG SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING SENDING KNRC PRESIDENT KIM YONG- U ON VISIT TO MOSCOW.

- 2. ACCORDING YI, KNRC WROTE TO ICRC PRESIDENT IN MARCH REQUESTING THAT ICRC TAKE UP WITH SOVIET RED CROSS SOCIETY POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY KNRC PRESIDENT. DURING MOSCOW VISIT, OUTGOINGICRC PRESIDENT DID BRING MATTER UP AND RUSSIAN REACTION WAS, ACCORDING TO YI, "WHY NOT?" RUSSIAN RED CROSS PRESIDENT ASKED WHAT WOULD BE THE PURPOSE OF ROK VISIT AND IT WAS EXPLAINED SOUTH KOREANS HAD IN MIND "A COURTESY VISIT."
- 3. YI SAID ICRC AND KOREANS HAVE INTERPRETED RUSSIAN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED VISIT AS FAVORABLE. CONSEQUENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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KNRC HAS RECOMMENDED TO GOVERNMENT THAT IT TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ARRANGE MOSCOW VISIT AND TO USE GOOD OFFICES OF ICRC IN DOING SO. YI SAID KNRC RECOMMENDATION IS NOW WITHCIA AWAITING CIA DIRECTOR YI HU- RAK'S DECISION. HABIB

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